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Grants for medical institutions run by private bodies.

* 23 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are medical institutions run by private bodies which are in receipt of maintenance grants;

(*b*) whether these grants are made on some accepted basis and if so, what the principles governing these grants are;

(*c*) whether the Government have received complaints of disparity in the grants given;

(*d*) whether the Retrenchment and Reorganization Committee examined this question and suggested a uniform system of grants and if so, what the system suggested by the Committee is; and

(*e*) whether the Government have taken any action on the recommendation of the Committee?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) Except in the case of the private leprosy asylums, which are in receipt of grants on a *per capita* basis, grants to other private medical institutions including the three T.B. Sanatoria at Perundurai, Madanapalle and Visranthipuram are to be paid on the net deficit basis subject to a maximum fixed by Government from time to time as recently decided by Government. Grants paid to certain institutions are in the nature of discretionary grants, which have however been fixed with due regard to the resources of the institutions concerned.

" (*c*) No complaints have so far been received except in regard to the T.B. Sanatorium at Perundurai.

" (*d*) Yes. In respect of the three T.B. Sanatoria and certain other institutions, the Committee suggested that the grants might be given on the basis of free beds available in those institutions on an equitable basis. In respect of the others, the Committee recommended that the existing procedure for payment of grants might be allowed to continue.

" (*e*) The Government have not accepted in toto the recommendation of the Committee in respect of the T.B. Sanatoria. They have ordered that in the three private Sanatoria, the grant should be paid on the net deficit basis subject to a maximum amount fixed for each. In respect of the other institutions, the matter is still under consideration."

Prevention and treatment of pre-natal syphilis in certain hospitals.

* 24 *Q.*—MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) what facilities are being afforded for the prevention and treatment of pre-natal syphilis in women and children hospitals and in maternity and child welfare institutions; and